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It's Final: Aruba Calypso and Roadmarch Contest is this Saturday!

ORANJESTAD – After long and turbulent discussions and negotiations between SAC and bandleaders, with the intermediation of the government, Aruba's biggest Carnival event, the Calypso and Roadmarch Contest will go on as planned this Saturday at the Joe Laveist Stadium. The festival will be only one night. A total of 10 bands and 43 singers will compete for the Calypso & Roadmarch title.

See page 12 for list of participants

Anonymous US campaign donors revealed

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Anonymous donors behind the shadowy "super PACs" whose attack ads have shaped the 2012 Republican presidential race were exposed for the first time yesterday in financial fil-

ings with the Federal Election Commission.

As of January 31 there were 302 of the so-called political action committees, and they have spent a total of \$44.9 million dollars, according to the FEC.

The money has come from donors who have been unknown until now. The groups have until midnight to file records with the FEC revealing the identity of their donors and how much they have raised.

Dr. Horacio E. Oduber Hospital bids farewell to General Director Dr. Boesten



Gift from employees presented by Charlaine Huntington



Employees, doctors, hospital executives and island dignitaries gathered on the lawn adjacent to the Dr. Horacio E. Oduber Hospital yesterday afternoon to bid farewell to the General Director of the last five years, Dr. Arnoud Boesten.

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Board Member Theo de Kool really rings the bell

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The Aruban economy is on the rise compared to 2010

ORANJESTAD -- The year 2011 was, reportedly, the year of recovery for the island of Aruba. Many have debated over what was the real growth in 2011 and whether this growth had an impact on all businesses. Actually, the only way to accurately measure economic growth is to analyse official figures from, among others, the Tax and Customs Offices (SIAD), AZV, DEHZI, APA, and the Central Bank of Aruba. These can supply us with indicators relative to economic activity and development in 2011.

Figures from all taxes up to September 2011 indicate an increase in income of 12%. This means that compared to the same period a year ago (2010) the government received 12% more in income taxes. Income on business sales (BBO) increased 13% while income on wage taxes increased 6%.

Taxes received from the importation of goods and products increased by 17%. This gives us an indication of the volume of activity from import duties. This is also in keeping with the amount of containers that were transported. The amount of container movements numbered 11,421, which is 14% (+1,529) more than in 2010. The amount of import duties amounted to Afls.1.5 billion up to September 2011. This represents an increase of 24% compared to

the same period in 2010.

With respect to AZV, its premiums had an increase of 1% compared to the previous year. This was also corrected for the 2% premium increase as of January 2011. The adaptation of the maximum income to charge the AZV premium was also included.

These developments indicate that there was a great deal of economic activity on Aruba compared to the same period of 2010. If there was more container activity (an increase of 14% compared to 2010), this means that more products were imported in 2011 because the demand has increased. If there was more income from wage taxes, this means that more people are employed and paying wage taxes. And, ultimately there was an increase of 13% in BBO receipts which indicates that sales have increased considerably. All of these factors prove that there is an increase in economic activity, hence a general growth in our economy.

Obviously some businesses may not have experienced the effect of this growth, while others may have grown considerably. It may be impossible to measure each individual situation.

On the international front, the price of crude oil increased dramatically during the first half of 2011 directly affecting the price of petroleum prod-

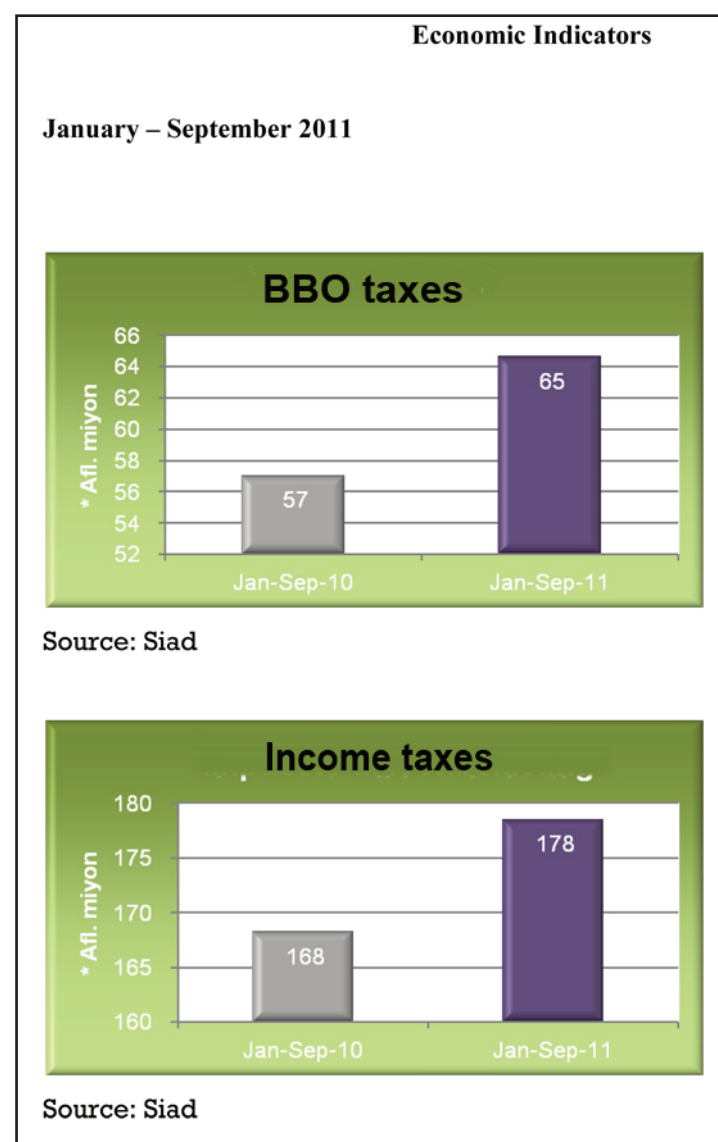
ucts, such as water, electricity and gasoline. In the third quarter of 2011 the price of crude was somewhat lower. Up to September 30, 2011 CBS registered a price increase based on an average of 12 months of 2.65%. In comparison with Aruba's principal partners, namely, Curacao, The USA and Holland, the difference was hardly noticeable.

Government incentives, investments in the private sector such as the Ritz Carlton project, Kooyman and WEB NV, along with government investments in different infrastructural programs have all contributed to the growth of 2011. After a collapse in the construction sector in 2009 and 2010, CBS' figures show that up to September 2011 there has been an increase of 31% in the amount of material imported for construction. This reflects that there is a great deal of investment both from the public as well as the private sector in the construction field.

The government remains keen on stimulating the economy, and in this vein has shifted their focus on small and medium size businesses which represents about 60 to 70% of our Gross Domestic Product (GDP). One of their goals is to upgrade the quality and capacity of our entrepreneurs. This will entail the creation of more accessibility to capital, provide guidance, training and relevant information.

With respect to external investments, which is also a priority of the government, they have focused also on the investment climate. The issue here is to reduce the amount of red tape for the processing of business licenses. They are intent on making the entire process much simpler, much faster and to eliminate the unnecessary documentation.

Most certainly, the reduction in the cost of applying for a business license has also contributed to the increase of peti-



tions for business licenses at the Department of Economic Affairs in 2011. DEZHI registered 446 petitions in the last quarter of 2011 compared to 384 in the same period in 2010, which represents an increase of 16%!

The Aruban economy is steadily on the rise; all indicators point to this. Notwithstanding, Aruba must continue to monitor external factors such as the global economic situation, especially the US economical situation as these have a significant bearing on what happens in Aruba. Also important to watch is the economic situation of Holland and South America which are both very important to Aruba. According

to the experts, one major aspect which helps to define the results of our economy is the confidence that we must deposit in our own situation locally. The more confidence we have in our economy, the more it will continue to thrive.

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Farewell to General Director Dr. Boesten

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Boesten with family and Gerald Oduer COB

Hospital Board Member Theo de Kool thanked Dr. Boesten for his years of dedicated service; as a parting gift from the board and hospital he presented him with an engraved brass bell to call future meetings and staff to order.

Communications Coordinator Charlaïne Huntington presented Dr. Boesten with a memento on behalf of the staff, and Aruba's Minister of Public Health and Sport, Dr. Richard Visser, also came to the podium to wish Dr. Boesten well and express his gratitude for his five years as head of the facility.

Dr. Boesten departs after administrating over some turbulent times in which he weathered employee protests and work stoppages as well as major renovations and procedural changes to the hospital; he plans to remain on Aruba with his wife and daughter, but expressed he is undecided as yet as to what role he will continue to play in Aruba's medical community.

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La Trattoria El Faro Blanco Restaurant Celebrates Betico Day

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On the 25th of January La Trattoria El Faro Blanco Restaurant celebrated the birthday of the late Aruban leader and "liberator", Gilberto François (Betico) Croes. It was a joy to see locals and guests alike commemorate this special day.

La Trattoria El Faro Blanco Restaurant would like to thank everyone who came out and celebrate with us and all who took advantage of our special menu. The ambience was phenomenal, to say the least!

Besides our special menu we raffled a dinner for two among all visitors who dined

at La Trattoria El Faro Blanco Restaurant. Fransisca Tromp was announced on Saturday as the lucky winner. As she accepted her prize in the garden terrace of the restaurant accompanied by her daughter she said that she was very delighted with the prize. Fransisca also said that the dinner was exceptional and that she enjoyed the atmosphere at the restaurant.

Arthur Kelly, manager at La Trattoria El Faro Blanco Restaurant, would like to remind everyone who is a fan of fine cuisine to be pending for the next campaign which will be on Valentine's Day.

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ORANJESTAD -- The University of Aruba in collaboration with the University of South Carolina is organizing workshops on the theme "How to organize Sports and Entertainment events."

During a seven week period the workshops will cover a variety of topics, to include: "Opportunities and Challenges in the Sport & Entertainment Industry" to "Event Planning in Sport & Entertainment."

The workshops are intended for those involved in sports administration, club officials, team coaches, parents in-

terested in sports in general, and for anyone wanting to improve their organizational skills. The government of Aruba supports these workshops. The instructors for these workshops are experts on the topic of Sports and Entertainment.

Among the speakers are: Dr. Andy Gillentine. Gillentine is Professor and Chair of the Sport & Entertainment Department of the University of South Carolina. Dr. Andy Gillentine is the former Associate Professor and Associate Dean of the School of Educa-

tion and Director of the Sport Administration Program at the University of Miami.

Dr. Mark Nagel is Associate Professor of Entertainment and Sport Management at the University of South Carolina. Nagel has taught at the State University of West Georgia, San Jose State University and at the University of Northern Colorado. Nagel is also adjunct professor at IE Business School in Madrid, Spain and at the University of San Francisco Sport Management.

Frank Roach is Senior Lecturer at the Department of

Sport & Entertainment Management at the University of South Carolina. Frank Roach is also Director of Sports, Entertainment and Venues Tomorrow Conference. Roach was responsible for facilitating the functions of the World Wrestling Entertainment with the US Women's Soccer Team Indoor Challenge organizer, and the ESPN's Skating Championship. Roach has also consulted companies such as, The World Disney Company, Warner Bros. Studios, the LA Clippers, and International Basketball League.



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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Deadly European cold snap spreads

KIEV (AFP) - A cold snap that killed 30 people in the Ukraine over the past five days spread yesterday to swathes of eastern and central Europe with record lows in Bulgaria and heavy snow in Switzerland and parts of Italy.

Emergency services in the Ukraine said most of the dead were homeless people who froze to death on the streets, four were found in their homes, and more than 600 people sought medical help for frostbite and hypothermia.

Authorities opened 1,590 shelters to provide food and heat and were planning to set up 150 more as temperatures plunged to minus 28 degrees Celsius (minus 18 degrees Fahrenheit) in some regions.

Police in Poland reported five new deaths yesterday, bringing the overall toll for January to 27 as overnight temperatures dipped to minus 30 Celsius.

In Vilnius, the capital of

neighbouring Lithuania, one homeless man was found dead Tuesday, bringing the death toll there to eight since Saturday.

In the Czech Republic, a woman was found frozen to death in a garden shed in the capital Prague, police said.

Meanwhile, two died in Romania, raising the death toll to eight since Thursday, the health ministry said.

Temperatures plunged to minus 29 degrees Celsius in central Romania on Monday night, sending gas consumption to a record high and forcing a huge increase in gas imports, an official said.

Neighbouring Bulgaria reported record lows and the Danube started to freeze over, threatening shipping.

Eighteen towns, including the capital Sofia, recorded their coldest January 31 since records started 100 years ago, with the mercury dropping as low as minus 29 degrees Celsius in Kneja, in the northeast,

according to the national weather service.

In Switzerland, some 10 centimeters (four inches) of snow fell yesterday morning, hampering flights.

The cold wave also enveloped central and northern Italy yesterday, as emergency services braced for the most severe week in 27 years and motorways prepared for traffic disruptions.

Travellers were being advised to postpone long journeys as snow blanketed the Emilia-Romagna, Liguria, Lombardy, Piedmont and Tuscany regions and the motorways agency said heavy trucks would likely be forced to suspend trips.

Schools and universities have been shut in the north-western port of Genoa and snow ploughs are on alert at the airport of central Bologna, where the local civil protection agency has declared a state of alert until Thursday.

Chavez health clouds 'polarized' Venezuela

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Venezuela is heading into a "highly competitive and polarized" election year amid continuing doubts about President Hugo Chavez's health and a host of pressing issues, the US intelligence chief said yesterday.

Intelligence director James Clapper said Venezuela's Octo-

ber elections will tell whether the key features of Chavez's 12 years in power -- a weakening democracy and virulent anti-US policies -- "persist and even deepen or begin to reverse."

Chavez, 57, has said he is running for six more years in office, which would mean his third term as president of the oil-rich South American coun-

try, despite a bout with cancer which he says is now cured.

He underwent surgery in Cuba in June to remove a tumor and four rounds of chemotherapy, but neither he nor his government have been forthcoming about the specifics of the cancer.

"Chavez announced that he is cancer-free, but there are still doubts about his health," said Clapper.

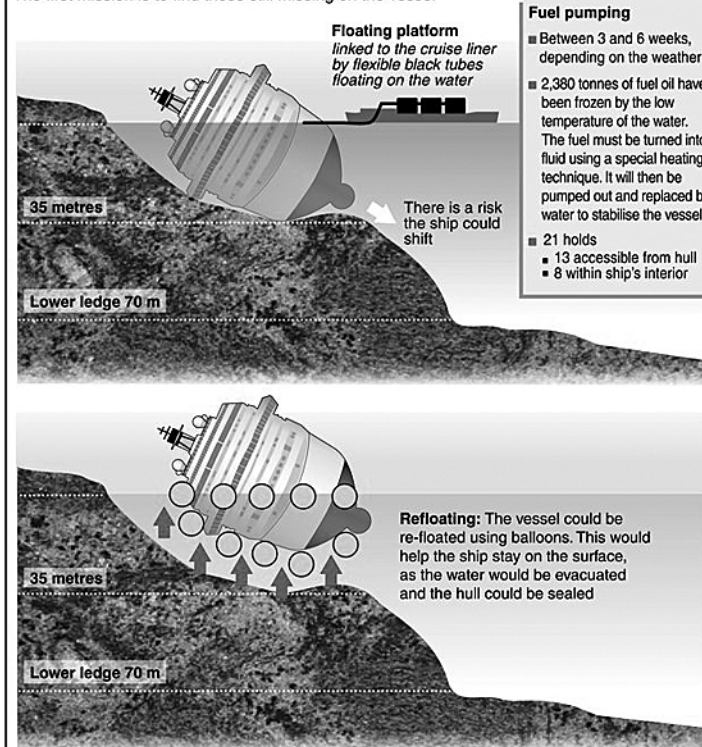
"And there is no other leader who can match his charisma, force of personality, or ability to manipulate politics and policy should he be unable to run again, he added."

"In addition, his failure to groom others to lead his United Socialist Party of Venezuela (PSUV) means that any successor would lack his stature."

Divers abandon search on Italy cruise ship wreck

Concordia: the salvage operation begins

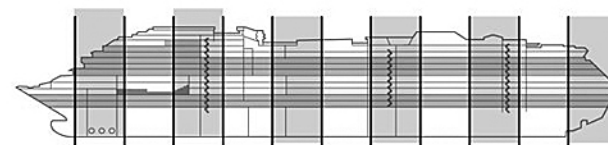
The first mission is to find those still missing on the vessel



Fuel pumping

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Costa Concordia

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AFP

GIGLIO (AFP) -- Italian divers yesterday gave up their search on the wreck of the Costa Concordia, in which 32 people are feared to have died, as workers prepared to start pumping out fuel to avoid an oil spill.

"We have definitively stopped the underwater search inside the ship," said Luca Cari, fire brigade spokesman on the island of Giglio, explaining that conditions inside the giant half-submerged liner were becoming too risky.

The civil protection agency, which has been overseeing rescue efforts following the January 13 disaster, said in a statement it had contacted the families of the missing and foreign embassies involved to ex-

plain its decision.


It added that rescuers would continue to inspect the above-water part of the liner and use specialist equipment to check for corpses on the sea bed in an 18-square-kilometer (seven-square-mile) area around the wreck.

Meanwhile Pier Luigi Foschi, the chief executive of operator Costa Crociere, part of US-based giant Carnival Corp, told a Senate committee hearing that fuel pumping from the ship would start within the next 24 hours.

"We believe that the wreck can no longer be put in use," he said of the ship, which cost 450 million euros (590 million dollars) to build and was launched in 2006.

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Venezuela concludes gold reserve repatriation

CARACAS (AFP) - Venezuela has repatriated the overwhelming majority of its gold reserves under a plan announced last year by President Hugo Chavez, officials said.

The gold returned to the South American nation is worth an estimated \$9 billion, officials said late Monday.

"This is the final phase in a plan which was carried out with precision.... We have brought back in two months to our soil around 160 tons" of gold, central bank chief Nelson Merentes said in receiving the shipment at the Caracas airport.

Chavez last year announced plans to repatriate the 211.35 tons of gold bullion that the country has abroad,

worth an estimated \$11 billion.

About 80 percent of the reserves had been held in Britain, principally in the coffers of the Bank of England.

Merentes said that approximately 50 tons of Venezuelan gold will remain overseas to allow the country to carry out certain financial transactions.

Official figures show Venezuela has around 365 tons of gold reserves, the 15th largest total worldwide.

Chavez has also declared his intention to recover some \$6.2 billion in liquid assets or tradable bonds held by Swiss, British, French and US banks and to transfer them to institutions in "friendly" countries, like China, Russia and Brazil.

Mexico drought hurting marijuana growers



A soldier stands guard among marijuana plants at an illegal plantation found during a military operation at the Culiacan mountains, northern Mexico, Monday, Jan. 30, 2012. The drought in northern Mexico is so bad that it has hurt even illicit drug growers and their normally well-tended crops of marijuana and opium poppies, Gen. Pedro Gurrola, commander of army forces in the state of Sinaloa, said Monday. He said army surveillance flights have detected fewer plantations than in previous years.

US spy chief: Fall of Syrian regime inevitable

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's regime will inevitably collapse in the face of mounting protests, the US spy chief said yesterday.

"I do not see how he can sustain his rule of Syria," James Clapper, director of national intelligence, told senators.

"I personally believe it's a question of time but that's the issue, it could be a long time."

The opposition was "fragmented" but was piling growing pressure on Assad, said Clapper, adding that it remained unclear what would follow after the Syrian leader's departure.

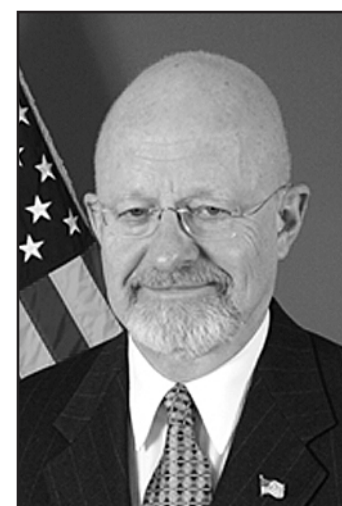
CIA director David Petraeus, testifying at the same

hearing before the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, also described the regime as increasingly at risk.

The opposition had displayed "resilience" and the regime now faced challenges in Damascus and Aleppo, two cities that had been seen as insulated from the unrest, said Petraeus, a retired four-star general who served as commander in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"I think it has shown indeed how substantial the opposition to the regime is and how it is in fact growing and how increasing areas are becoming beyond the reach of the regime security forces," he said.

The fall of Assad's regime would deliver a major blow to



James Clapper

Iran, which relies on Syria as a vital logistics link to Hezbollah militants in Lebanon, he said.

Britain sends new warship to Falklands

LONDON (AFP) - Britain said yesterday it was sending a state-of-the-art warship to the Falklands Islands, but insisted the deployment was purely routine despite rising tensions over their sovereignty.

Ministry of Defence officials said the decision to send HMS Dauntless was long planned.

The Type 45 destroyer is due to head to the South Atlantic on her maiden voyage in the coming months to replace HMS Montrose.

Prime Minister David Cameron angered Argentina last week by accusing it of "colonialism" over the islands which are a British overseas territory, but which Buenos Aires claims are Argentinian.

That led Argentine President Cristina Kirchner to accuse Cameron of portraying Argentina as "violent" in the dispute.

The issue is especially sensitive as the 30th anniversary approaches of the war over the islands between Britain and Argentina.

Foreign Secretary William

Hague played down the deployment of HMS Dauntless, telling Sky News television: "There's nothing unusual about this deployment, it doesn't reflect any change in the situation of any kind."

"These things, they are routine deployments. We do keep a garrison on the Falkland Islands, and of course aircraft there as well. Royal Naval ships frequently visit the area."

"These are routine deployments and they will continue this year as every year."

Hague added: "We will always be in a position to defend the Falkland Islands if necessary, not that we are aware of any military threat to the Falkland Islands at the moment."

"But we will always reaffirm that capability and we will always make sure it is there."



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Scientists shift on brain speech center: study

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The part of the brain used for speech processing is in a different location than originally believed, according to a US study Monday that researchers said will require a rewrite of medical texts.

Wernicke's area, named after the German neurologist

who proposed it in the late 1800s, was long believed to be at the back of the brain's cerebral cortex, behind the auditory cortex which receives sounds.

But a review by scientists at Georgetown University Medical Center of more than 100 imaging studies has

shown it is actually three centimeters closer to the front of the brain, and is in front of the auditory cortex, not behind.

"Textbooks will now have to be rewritten," said neuroscience professor Josef Rauschecker, lead author of the study which appears in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

"We gave old theories that have long hung a knockout punch."

Rauschecker and colleagues based their research on 115 previous peer-reviewed studies that investigated speech perception and used brain imaging scans -- either MRI (functional magnetic resonance imaging) or PET (positron emission tomography).

An analysis of the brain imaging coordinates in those studies pointed to the new location for Wernicke's area, offering new insight for patients suffering from brain damage or stroke.

It also adds an intriguing wrinkle to the origins of language in humans and primates, who have also been shown to process audible speech in the same region of the brain.

"This finding suggests the architecture and processing between the two species is more similar than many people thought."

Lead author Iain DeWitt, a PhD candidate in Georgetown's Interdisciplinary Program in Neuroscience, said the study confirms what others have found since brain imaging began in earnest in the 1990s, though some debate has persisted.

Ultrasound zaps could be used as male contraceptives

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Zapping testicles with ultrasound can reduce sperm counts and might be used in the future as an inexpensive, reliable and reversible male contraceptive, according to US researchers.

Scientists from the University of North Carolina School of Medicine, who conducted experiments on male rats, issued their findings on Saturday in the journal Reproductive Biology and Endocrinology.

They said they were convinced that the method, if studied further, could be used on humans.

The team led by Doctor James Tsuruta found that by rotating high frequency (3MHz) ultrasound around the testicles, they were able to cause depletion of germ cells throughout the testes, the reports said.

The best results were seen using two ultrasound sessions of 15 minutes, two days apart.

Saline was used to provide conductivity between the ultrasound transducer and the skin, and the testes were warmed to 37 degrees Celsius (almost 99 degrees Fahrenheit), the study noted.

The procedure reduced the sperm count to zero, the researchers said.

Fertile men in normal conditions have more than 39 million sperm when they ejaculate.

The World Health Organization has defined low sperm concentration as less than 15 million sperm per milliliter.

US approves new drug for common skin cancer

(AFP) -- US authorities on Monday approved a new drug to treat the most common form of skin cancer, basal cell carcinoma, which is rarely lethal but can spread if left untreated.

Erivedge (vismodegib) is made by Genentech, a US subsidiary of the Swiss drug giant Roche, and was approved by the Food and Drug Administration after an expedited review for drugs that offer the potential for major advances in treatment.

The drug is the first of its kind for patients whose basal cell carcinoma has spread either locally or to other parts of the body, or metastasized.

A trial of 96 patients showed that 30 percent of those who had metastatic disease saw a partial shrinkage of their cancerous lesions after taking the drug, which comes in the form of a once-a-day pill.

Among those whose cancer had spread locally, 43 percent saw a complete or partial shrinkage of lesions.

"The drug is intended for

use in patients with locally advanced basal cell cancer who are not candidates for surgery or radiation and for patients whose cancer has spread to other parts of the body," said the FDA.

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Sci-Tech

Russia blames 'cosmic rays' for Mars probe failure

MOSCOW (AFP) - Russia on Tuesday blamed a computer malfunction caused by the impact of cosmic rays for the failure of its Phobos-Grunt mission to Mars, one of a litany of setbacks for its embattled space programme.

Announcing the initial results of the investigation into the Mars mission, Russian space agency Roscosmos also revealed the next manned launch to the International Space Station would be delayed due to technical problems.

The Phobos-Grunt probe - which was to have brought home a sample of soil from Mars' largest moon -- crashed back to Earth earlier this month after becoming stuck in Earth's orbit shortly after its launch in November.

"The most likely reason in the commission's opinion is the local influence of heavy charged particles from outer space on the onboard computer system," Roscosmos chief Vladimir Popovkin said, quoted by RIA Novosti news agency.

The unmanned probe was launched November 9 in an ambitious mission to fly to Mars's largest moon, Phobos, in a first step towards Russia's dream of taking a

manned mission to Mars.

But it failed to leave a low orbit around Earth, before gradually descending and crashing on January 15 over the Pacific Ocean.

Cosmic rays apparently led the onboard computer system to experience memory problems after launch which led to parts of the system restarting and going into energy-saving mode, the Roscosmos chief said.

Staff at the rocket-building plant had been punished for non-criminal offences, he said.

"Carrying out such a large-scale, lengthy job, they should have taken into consideration the effect of outer space on the equipment of an interplanetary station."

He also blamed sub-standard or fake foreign-made microchips used in the probe, saying more than 60 percent were not designed for use in space.

Earlier Tuesday the head of manned programmes at Roscosmos, Alexei Krasnov, said the re-entry capsule of the Soyuz TMA-04M space ship was found not to be hermetically sealed.

The mission will ditch its faulty re-entry capsule and launch with one intended for

the following mission scheduled May 30, which in turn will be delayed.

Russia has experienced an embarrassing string of failures over the last year, including the crash of an unmanned spaceship taking supplies to the ISS.

On Tuesday, Popovkin said Russia's space programme up to 2030 would cost between 150 and 200 billion rubles (\$4.9 billion and \$6.6 billion) a year.

Samsung's 'revolutionary' product unveiling at the Super Bowl is... the Galaxy Note

Samsung has been hyping its Super Bowl XLVI commercial, announcing via Twitter yesterday that it would "launch a device so revolutionary only an ad in America's biggest game can do it justice."

Speculation has centered around the unveiling of the Galaxy S III, or possibly a new tablet that would yet again introduce a Samsung device to challenge the iPad. It was all very mysterious, and Samsung had many of us captivated by the lure of a new something. This was all heightened by the fact that the

company is paying for prime Super Bowl ad time: 90 seconds during the fourth quarter. That comes with a \$6+ million price tag.

Well, we don't want to dash any dreams out there, but prepare to be disappointed. Samsung will be "unveiling" its new Galaxy Note - you know, the handheld tablet-stylus combo that we've known about for quite some time. Here's the press release announcing the ad's details.

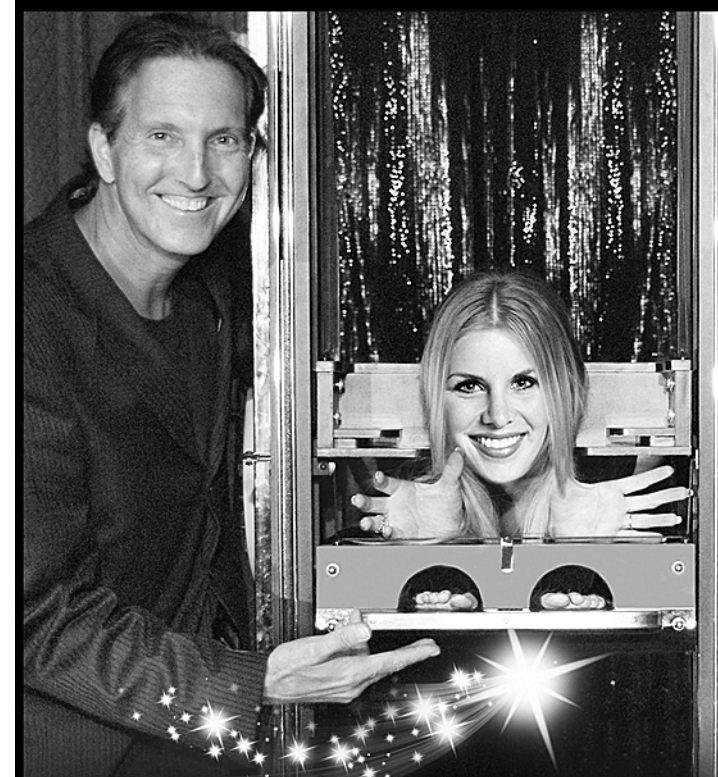
Samsung's overselling here a bit. Not only is this not actually a new product (it's been available in the U.K.,

Germany, France, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and elsewhere for awhile), we wouldn't necessarily call it a "revolutionary" one. Sure, it sits somewhere between a tablet and a smartphone (which you could argue is an awkward halfway point) and comes with a stylus - which seemingly makes it a really big phone or a really small tablet.

Whatever your take on the Galaxy Note, don't get your hopes up for something actually unheard of this Sunday. And if you're genuinely excited about the new product, preorders start the same day.

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19. Swindling
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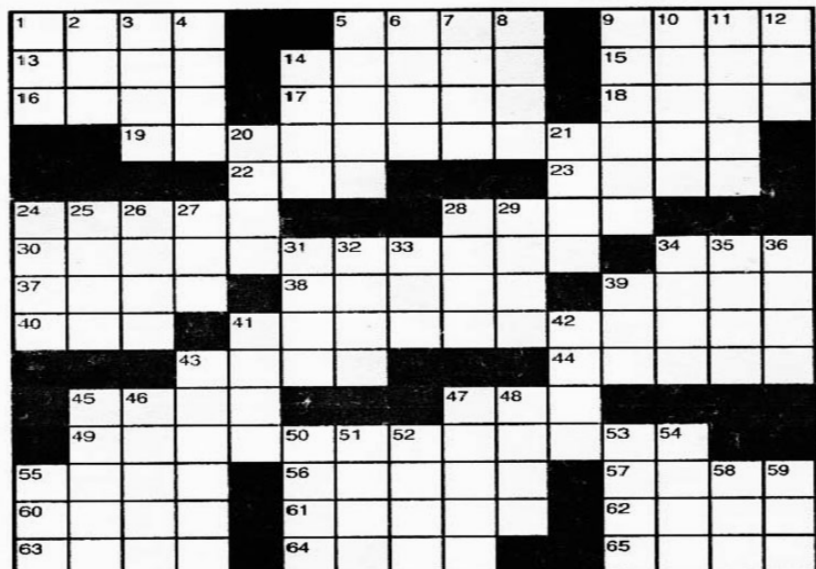
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43. Words of cheer
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55. Essence
56. Less convincing, as an excuse
57. Cartoons' "___ Bears"
60. "___ de Escrivir"
61. The Donald's first ex
62. News item, for short
63. Durocher et al.
64. Place to raise

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65. New Jersey's NBA team

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2. Tic-tac-toe win
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4. Mideast airline
5. Skerries
6. Asian sea
7. Barcelona's Casa ___
8. Be apparently true
9. Fracture support
10. "___ We All?"
11. Cowboy's beat
12. Physicians' org.
14. Saki story
20. "___ the Village" (Chagall)
21. Oceangoing Queen
24. Netman Arthur
25. Short theatrical sketch
26. Tony winner Tommy
27. Antique
28. Capital of Mexico?
29. Mars' prefix
31. Rainbow Bridge's locale
32. Prized possessions
33. Shoot the breeze
34. "Battle Cry" author Leon
35. Mel's "Ransom" costar
36. Does a dog's trick
39. Snowbird's dest.
41. Hayloft locale
42. Ardor
43. Spectacles
45. Reynolds's sweetie for years
46. Iberian city
47. Real-estate
48. City on the Jumna River
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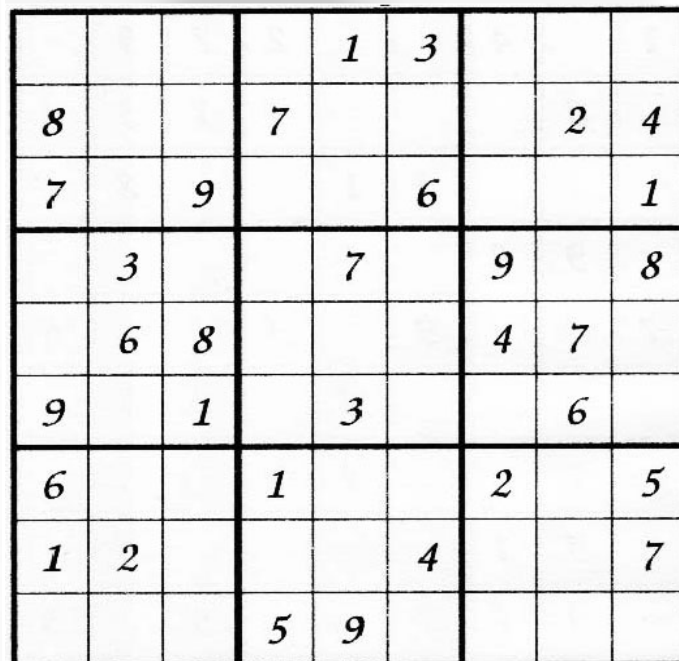
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Complete the grid so that every row and every column contains the numbers 1 through 9
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Finance

CBO sees \$1.1 tn shortfall in US budget

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US will fall \$1.1 trillion short in its budget this year, an improvement over last year but still larger than any pre-crisis deficit, a congressional budget analysis said yesterday.

The Congressional Budget Office said the shortfall for the 2012 fiscal year, ending September 30, will come in at 7.0 percent of gross domestic product (GDP), or economic output,

a strong improvement on the 8.7 percent level of last year.

The independent CBO expects spending to be virtually unchanged while revenues will grow 9.6 percent.

The budget deficit has topped \$1 trillion in the past three years since the 2008 economic meltdown, ending 2011 at \$1.3 trillion.

For fiscal 2013, the CBO projects the deficit could

plunge by nearly half, to \$585 billion, if the government sticks to current plans to end special tax breaks and to slash more spending.

But that could stall economic growth, the CBO said: It forecast GDP to expand 2.0 percent in 2012 and then slow to 1.1 percent in 2013, based on the restraints to government spending under current laws set by Congress.

Swiss to submit bank data in US taxprobe

GENEVA (AFP) - Switzerland is ready to hand over thousands of encoded bank documents to US officials investigating tax evasion by US citizens, the Swiss finance department said yesterday.

Full access to the data, however, will only be provided when an agreement is reached between Bern and Washington on controlling tax evasion, it said.

"It is not data about clients but about (Swiss) bank activity in the US," said a finance spokesman in an email to AFP.

The department did not reveal how many documents

were involved but in the case of one unnamed bank, the figure was about 20,000 pages of coded information.

The finance spokesman said the documents were "coded employee data," not details of bank clients.

The daily Blick newspaper reported that Credit Suisse was among the banks involved and that the data included emails, internal mail and information on staff and clients.

The bank, Switzerland's second largest after UBS, declined to comment when contacted by AFP.

Bern is in the process of ne-

gotiating a tax agreement with Washington to address the issue of US nationals hiding money in Swiss accounts.

The US has been putting pressure on Swiss banks to release information to aid a crackdown on tax evaders.

Swiss media said the gesture of handing over data would help pave the way for an agreement similar to those already signed with Britain and Germany, which would regularise assets held by American clients in Swiss banks.

US consumer confidence falls in January

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US consumer confidence slipped in January, after two straight months of gains that had stirred hopes for a broader turnaround in the economy, according to the Conference Board index released Tuesday.

The index slipped to 61.1 down from 64.8 in December, returning to the level of two months ago.

"Consumers' assessment of current business and labor market conditions turned more downbeat and is back to November 2011 levels," said Lynn Franco, head of the Conference Board Consumer Research Center.

"Regarding the short-term outlook, consumers are more upbeat about employment, but less optimistic about business conditions and their income prospects."

"Recent increases in gasoline prices may have consumers feeling a little less confident this month."

After falling in October to its lowest level since 2009, at 40.9, the index had improved sharply in November and December.



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China targeting US auto parts sector: industry

WASHINGTON (AFP) - A US industry and union coalition accused China yesterday of sweeping illegal subsidies to its auto parts sector that threaten to destroy more than a million US jobs.

Launching a campaign to press for trade action against Beijing, the Alliance for American Manufacturing and senior politicians said the Chinese subsidies threaten to reverse the comeback of the US auto industry.

The AAM -- which brings together the US steel industry and the United Steelworkers union -- said alleged trade violations by China have already killed 400,000 jobs in the US auto supply chain, and threaten 1.6 million more.

"It's essential that federal action be taken to challenge these abuses before they completely undermine the job recovery under way in the US auto industry," said AAM executive director Scott Paul.

The campaign was launched at the US Congress a week after President Barack Obama

said he would step up pressure on China and other countries that unfairly subsidize exports and launch a new government body to pursue such cases.

The AAM released three reports that paint China as targeting the US auto parts sector by supporting its own manufacturers in ways that violate WTO fair trade rules.

A report by Usha Haley of the Economic Policy Institute said China now sends about one-third of its auto parts production to the United States.

The study said China subsidized the sector to the tune of \$27.5 billion since 2001, and has committed nearly \$11 billion more in subsidies over the next decade.

"In auto parts, China runs trade deficits with every other major auto producer, including Japan, South Korea, and Germany. In contrast, China's trade surpluses on auto parts with the United States constitutes a notable exception," Haley said. But he also blamed US auto makers themselves for sourcing more parts from China rather than at home.

World Bank sees high food prices easing

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The World Bank yesterday said high food prices were likely to dip this year as the global economy slows but potential risks from higher oil prices and weather could send them back up.

"Prospects for decline in 2012 food prices remain favorable, due to weaker consumer demand as a result of a sluggish global economy, expected declines in the price of energy and crude oil, and strong forecasts

for 2012 food supplies," the World Bank said in a statement.

The development lender noted that average food prices in 2011 ended 24 percent higher than in 2010, despite an 8.0 percent drop in the fourth quarter.

"The worst food price increases may be over but we must remain vigilant," said Otaviano Canuto, head of the World Bank's Poverty Reduction and Economic Management program.

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Switzerland	CHF	194.64	195.36	196.16
Netherlands	EUR	232.55	234.67	237.03
Sweden	SEK	25.39	26.11	26.91
Denmark	DKK	30.60	31.32	32.12
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Brazil's trade with Arab world soaring

SAO PAULO (AFP) - Brazil's trade with the Arab world soared more than 28 percent in 2011 to reach \$25.13 billion and is expected to grow a further 15 percent this year, the Arab Brazilian Chamber of Commerce said yesterday.

Brazil registered a trade surplus of \$5.15 billion with the 22 countries making up the Arab League last year, as its exports totaled \$15.13 billion, up 20.3 percent compared with 2010, while its imports reached 9.98 billion, up 43.36 percent.

Salim Taufic Schahin, the chamber's president, said that despite the global economic uncertainty, "Prospects for 2012 are optimistic and our projection is that we will have an increase of 10 to 15 percent" over the 2011 figure.

He pointed out that as a bloc, the Arab League ranks among the world's 10 top

economies.

Major export items last year were sugar with sales worth \$4.62 billion, up 19.81 percent; meat products with \$3.55 billion in sales, up 9.89 percent; mining products with \$2.97 billion, up 34.82 percent; and grains with 1.17 billion dollars, up 96.83 percent.

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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Feb. 3 - Children's & Youth Queen Election -

Aruba Entertainment Center - 7 p.m.

Feb. 4 - Finals Calypso & Roadmarch Contest - Joe

Laveist Ball park - 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 5 - San Nicolas Childrens Parade - 12:30

Calypso & Roadmarch bands and participants

1. Eruption Band - Julian Leonardo Ruiz - Pega (Roadmarch)
2. Eruption Band - Samir Alexander Angel - (Roadmarch)
3. Contagious Band - Rogene Woodley - Hold on and push back (Roadmarch)
4. Contagious Band - Michelet Casimir - Who's Missing (Roadmarch)
5. Contagious Band - Rendon Noel - Smoke up (Roadmarch)
6. D-Licious - Lysander Besselink - Why (Calypso)
7. D-Licious - Jayson Banfield - Soca Twist (Roadmarch)
8. D-Licious - Ronwayne Kock - No no no (Calypso)
9. D-Licious - Ronwayne Kock - Hold it (Roadmarch)
10. D-Licious - Nigel Dwight Hoek - Inserno (Roadmarch)
11. D-Licious - Jeriino Ridderstap - Chip and Getaway (Roadmarch)
12. D-Licious - Ingomar Flanegin - Jump like a Indian (Roadmarch)
13. Upgrade Music - Jonathan Thiel - Rubiano ta come rubiano - (Calypso)
14. Upgrade Music - Jonathan Thiel - Te Cas (Roadmarch)
15. Upgrade Music - Alberto Vrolijk - Zip it (Calypso)
16. Upgrade Music - Alberto Vrolijk - Babylon Coming (Roadmarch)
17. Upgrade Music - Freddy Richardson - Mi ta cla pe (Roadmarch)
18. Perfect Sound - Chris Vrolijk - Dale pa C'vale (Roadmarch)
19. Perfect Sound - Anouschca Odor-Jeandor - Back off Barbi (Calypso)
20. Perfect Sound - Anouschca Odor-Jeandor - World Jam (Roadmarch)
21. Perfect Sound - Reangelo Koolman - Loc Loco (Roadmarch)
22. Tsunami - Sasha Figaroa - I Love Aruba (Calypso)
23. Tsunami - Sasha Figaroa - Wine to remember (Roadmarch)
24. Tsunami - Ofo Escudero - Make love, not war (Calypso)
25. Tsunami - Ofo Escudero - Craning and Jiggling (Roadmarch)
26. Band in a Box - Quincy Breell - Party animal (Roadmarch)
27. Band in a Box - Jurvin Maduro - Gone Crazy (Roadmarch)
28. Band in a Box - Emilio Berlis - 58 Mash Up (Roadmarch)
29. Band in a Box - Valentino King - Aruba a Disidi (Calypso)
30. Band in a Box - Valentino King - Palo ta Kai (Roadmarch)
31. Band in a Box - Jeffrey Brooks - It's my Decision (Calypso)
32. Band in a Box - Jeffrey Brooks - Let loose you wine (Roadmarch)
33. Band in a Box - Runin Ponson - Ataka Jam (Roadmarch)
34. Youth Xtreme - Derwin Kemp - Ban Pami (Roadmarch)
35. Youth Xtreme - Ron Martis - Carnival in the Air (Roadmarch)
36. Youth Xtreme - Arnaldo Maduro - Outta Space (Roadmarch)
37. Youth Xtreme - Carmicheal Richardson - Break it Down (Roadmarch)
38. Youth Xtreme - Eugene Kemp - (Roadmarch)
39. Hot-Ones Band - Angelo Faustino Richardson - Stand Strong (Calypso)
40. Hot-Ones Band - Angelo Faustino Richardson - Show Them (Roadmarch)
41. Hot-Ones Band - Tania Granger - Hot Ones Train (Roadmarch)
42. All Star Band - Roy Lintz - (Calypso)
43. All Star Band - Roy Lintz - (Roadmarch)



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Voting via SMS for Children and Youth Queen has started

SETAR N.V., official sponsor of Aruba's Carnaval, announces that voting has started for SETAR Little Princess and SETAR Youth Queen. Voting goes via SMS and began yesterday, January 31, 2012. For the past few years, has been organizing this competition for televiewers and the public, giving them the opportunity to vote for their favorite queen.

Voting is easy, just send the letter P of Princess and the letter Y for Youth with the number of the candidate of your choice in an SMS to the number 221. Each message costs Afl.1 the winning SMS Queen will receive a sash and a present from SETAR on the night of the queen pageant. The voting closes on February 3, 2012 at 10:30 p.m.

Remember: for Children's Queen send the letter P (Princess) and the number of candidate to 221

For example:

Send P1 to vote for Eve Aaliyah Lilian Mirjah;

Send P2 to vote for Rushineldy Lejuez di NBO / Nos Futuro;

Send P3 to vote for Ileyna Sandra Marie de Cuba of Noord;

Send P4 to vote for Annemieke Anuk Maduro of Royal Carnival Group;

For Youth Queen: Send the letter Y (Youth) and the candidate's number to the number 221

For example;



1. Eve Aaliyah Mirjah



2 Rushineldy Lejuez



3 Ileyna Sandra de Cuba



4 Annemieke Maduro



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Send Y2 to vote for Kim-



2 Kimberly Vrolijk

berly Vrolijk of Champagne Group;

The voting percentage can be viewed on SETAR's website www.setar.aw

Fun and more fun at Rembrandt Café

Friday night was another fun and entertaining night at Rembrandt Café. People enjoyed themselves dancing and relaxing at the tune of popular Dushi Band, who gave them a tremendous warm-up for Carnaval.



Later on, Aruba's 18th Senora Carnaval, Exina Kock joined the group onstage, raising the fun to another level.

Photos give an impression of the fun at Rembrand Café.

Gold Coast Aruba: Great savings for large families on holiday rentals



Aruba's newest and most innovative gated community has enjoyed steady sales since breaking ground, as many are finding the secure surroundings and outstanding amenities are just what they were looking for before considering purchasing property on the island. Some owners are using the villas or town homes as vacation retreats rather than full time and are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," noted Gold Coast developer Fito Croes. To assist in the demand for more complete facilities for groups and families, famed hotelier Ed Malone has been placed in charge of the rental program.

Staying at Gold Coast is a very attractive proposition for those traveling with groups that would require multiple hotel rooms. Two and three bedroom Villas or Town Homes accommodate large numbers and offer extensive amenities along with a final cost resulting in considerable savings. The community is minutes to the best beaches and all the casino action, and offers a quiet and secluded getaway with two swimming pools and specialized services with more on the way, such as a fitness room, tennis courts and mini-mall. Ed can arrange maid service, babysitters, caterers, airline

pick-up and drop-off; they even boast a shopping service to stock your shelves before arrival.

Gold Coast accommodations are elegant and spacious, offering privacy for

high-speed fiber-optic Internet connection, individual washer/dryer, and are fully air-conditioned. Cribs, high chairs and hair dryers are available for a modest fee. Concierge services to arrange



parents or a few couples. Beautifully appointed kitchens and bathrooms grace each abode; barbecues and lounges are provided for friendly cookouts and truly savoring the island life. All homes come with cable TV,

rental cars, spa appointments, activities and restaurant reservations are all part of the package.

Check-in for your holiday escape is conducted in the comfort of your vacation home, not while waiting on line at check-in desk. In every way, Gold Coast seeks to pamper their guests while providing them with the feeling of being in a cozy community, not the normally bustling resort, particularly experienced during the major holidays. If you wish an optimal vacation experience with great savings, visit their website: www.goldcoast-aruba.com to get acquainted with the community and the layout, details and availability of accommodations, or call 586-2200 to talk personally to a Gold Coast representative.



Steak on a Stone-Le Petit Café's specialty



In a time when dining choices and critiques are based on value for your dollar, an old favorite, Le Petit Café, still offers one of the best values not only in price, but quality, quantity and ambiance.

Le Petit Café in Palm Beach offers charming surroundings reminiscent of a European outdoor café. Surrounded by Old World gaslights and an abundance of flora, it provides a delightful and romantic setting. In Oranjestad, diners can enjoy a breathtaking view of the harbor; particularly as the sun dips over the horizon and the lights of town set the waters aglow. Taking advantage of their Early Bird Special not only offers a great price for a delicious meal, but put you in the right place at the right time to enjoy Aruba's most spectacular daily performance; our stunning sunsets.

The Early Bird special offers a choice of a full sized chicken breast, a hefty portion of filet mignon or fresh grouper fillet accompanied by a well-stuffed baked potato, rice or french fries. There is a choice of soup or salad as a starter, and ice cream for dessert, all for a modest \$21.50; an unbeatable price for a great meal on Aruba!

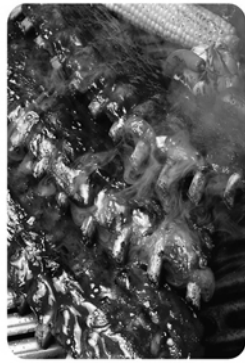
Cooking your main course on the stone is a supremely healthy method of preparation, seasoned to perfection and using no fats or oils. Fish

in particular is excellent; extremely moist and tasty. A thick cut of filet mignon usually requires cutting into smaller sections to cook fully, especially if your preference is medium-well to well done.

Le Petit Café is particularly well known for its "Land and Sea" specialty, filet mignon and lobster tail; a gourmet treat when served in their signature fashion. The restaurant also offers a diverse menu of pastas and tempting gourmet appetizers such as seafood crepes, crispy calamari, and escargot. For family members in the mood for something different there are several dishes to choose from, such as chicken parmesan, so a large family with different ideas of what they want for dinner can easily be accommodated.

We all know that breakfast is the most important meal of the day, and Le Petit Café has also long been famous for the best value for breakfast on Aruba. They still offer an American breakfast for \$6.95 and a full breakfast buffet for \$10.95, another unbeatable value!

Le Petit Café is also located in the Paradise Beach Villas, so whether you are staying in Oranjestad, Palm Beach or Eagle Beach, a La Petit Café restaurant can be found only a short stroll away from you resort, a perfect way to begin or end your day!



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Milan to wait until summer for Tevez: Galliani



ROME (AFP) - AC Milan will wait until the end of the season to try to secure the services of Carlos Tevez, according to chief executive Adriano Galliani.

Last week the Italian champions signed Argentine for-

ward Maxi Lopez, suggesting their month long pursuit of unsettled Manchester City star Tevez had come to an end.

And Galliani admits that if anything does happen, it will likely be in the summer.

"Maxi represents the present and the important future for Milan, our coach is a big fan of his and so I wish him luck," said Galliani.

"From now until 7pm tomorrow (Tuesday, when the transfer window closes) maybe no-one will join but there could also be a surprise.

"We're not expecting (Tevez) to join, instead we have Maxi Lopez. We'll see what happens in the summer, the transfer window is almost shut.

S. Korea group makes bid for LA Dodgers

SEOUL (AFP) - A major South Korean retail group said Tuesday it has joined the bidding for the Los Angeles Dodgers after the troubled US baseball team went bankrupt last June.

E-Land recently submitted a bid document for the Major League club after forming a consortium with an unspecified party, an E-Land spokesman told AFP.

Peter O'Malley, a former owner of the team, has teamed up with E-Land, which plans to invest about \$100 million in its bid, Chosun Ilbo newspaper reported, citing an industry source.

Among reported rival bidders for the historic club are retired NBA star Magic Johnson, Fox Sports and Mark Cuban, owner of NBA champions the Dallas Mavericks.

A January 23 deadline was set for initial offers, with current owner Frank McCourt having agreed to select a winning bid by April 1 so the sale can be completed by April 30.

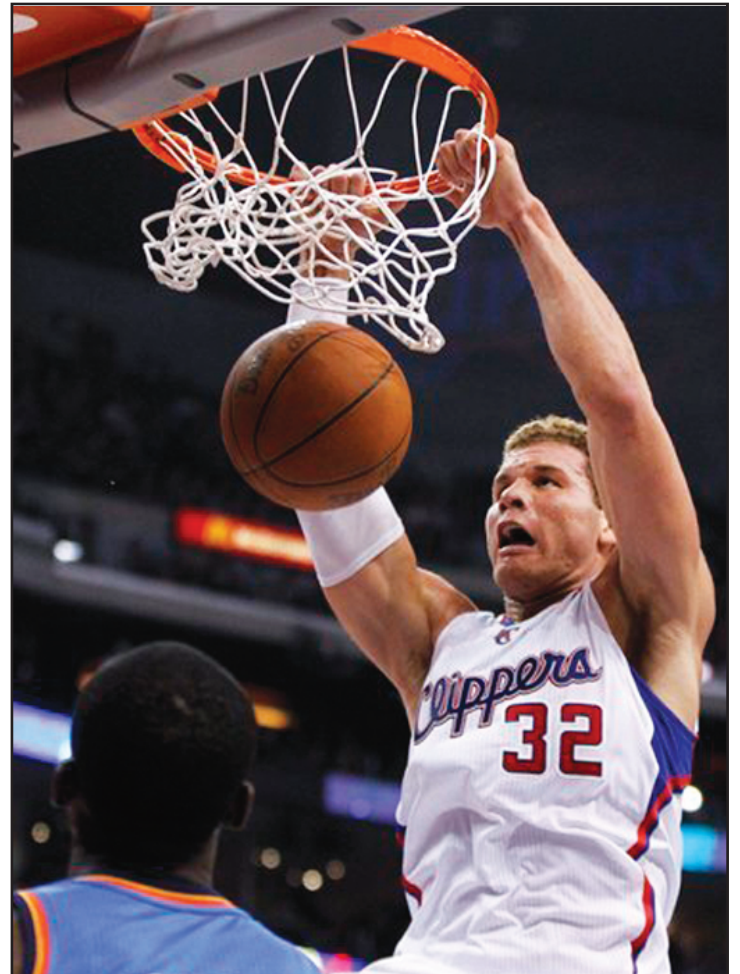
No Nadal for Spain against Kazakhstan

MADRID (AFP) - Defending champions Spain will be without Rafael Nadal and his three team-mates who won last year's Davis Cup when they take on Kazakhstan in this season's first round, the Spanish tennis federation said Monday.

World number 11 Nicolas Almagro, Marcel Granollers (26), Juan Carlos Ferrero (47) and 29-year-old debutant Marc Lopez (41 in doubles) were selected by Davis Cup captain Alex Corretja for the February 10-12 match-up in Oviedo, north Spain.

Spain won the 2011 Davis Cup when Nadal, David Ferrer, Feliciano Lopez and Fernando Verdasco teamed up to beat Argentina 3-1.

Nadal and Ferrer said after that victory that they were going to concentrate on their individual careers in 2012.



Los Angeles Clippers forward Blake Griffin, right, dunks as Oklahoma City Thunder guard Reggie Jackson looks on during the first half of an NBA basketball game in Los Angeles, Monday. the Clippers went on to win the game 112-100. Other scores on Monday night: PHILADELPHIA 74, ORLANDO 69; CHICAGO 98, WASHINGTON 88; MIAMI 109, NEW ORLEANS 95; MINNESOTA 120, HOUSTON 108; SAN ANTONIO 83, MEMPHIS 73; MILWAUKEE 103, DETROIT 82; DALLAS 122, PHOENIX 99; UTAH 93, PORTLAND 89

N. Z. teen eyes US major debut after record win



WELLINGTON (AFP) - New Zealand teenager Lydia Ko, who at the weekend became the youngest player to win a pro golf tournament, hopes to compete at a US major this year, her coach said Tuesday.

The South Korean-born amateur created history when she won the New South Wales Open in Australia on Sunday at the age of 14 years and nine months, eclipsing Ryo Ishikawa of Japan's mark of 15 years, 8 months set in 2007.

Ko's coach Guy Wilson

said the prodigy, already ranked the world's top female amateur, planned to wait "three or four" years before turning professional.

But he said the Auckland-based golfer, who moved to New Zealand with her family when she was five, hoped to experience playing in the United States this year if she was granted an age exemption and finances permitted.

As an amateur, Ko had to forfeit the Aus\$18,750 (\$19,900) winner's cheque from the NSW Open, which went to runner-up Becky Morgan.

Wilson said Ko, who still attends high school when not playing in tournaments, was already shouldering the training schedule of a professional, clocking up 30-50 hours a week on the golf course.

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Super Bowl coach set to join scandal-hit Penn State

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(AFP) -- "I feel good about the staff and the players and the team we have in place," he said. "We're going to improve and try to win ball games. No way it's the toughest job in the country."

Paterno died on the same day the Patriots beat Baltimore to claim a berth in Super Bowl 46 against the New York Giants at Indianapolis.

Two days later, O'Brien made an emotional trip to the school to lead players he barely knew to a casket viewing of the iconic legend.

"Last week was about coach Paterno," O'Brien said. "It was about his memory and what he meant to Penn State. So it was an emotional time

for me and a very emotional time for the team. The guy had been the coach there for 46 years.

"I was only up there for a couple days, but you could see what a special man he was and what he meant to Penn State."

Following in Paterno's footsteps has included assembling a staff of assistants and trying to recruit top high school players, some of whom backed off commitments to Penn State in the wake of the scandal and Paterno's firing.

"It's not a one-man-show," O'Brien said. "I've put together one of the best staffs in the country. They have hit the ground running. I'll get a fax on our (recruiting) signees, but we know pretty much who they are going to be."

Admitting that the Super Bowl is a bittersweet farewell game, O'Brien said he does not see the Penn State move as a step backwards even though he had dreamed of guiding an NFL team.

"Penn State is a special place," he said. "I felt like I could go in there and have an effect. Our family, we decided it was an opportunity we couldn't pass up."

Patriots coach Bill Belichick has seen no change in O'Brien's work despite the situation.

"Bill O'Brien has done everything he normally does and everything he can possibly do," Belichick said. "I'm sure he's spent some extra hours early in the morning and late at night doing things for Penn State."

Patriots guard Brian Waters calls the Super Bowl trip "the greatest recruiting tool he has" and admired O'Brien's devotion to the Patriots.

"He's a great guy and it's a tough position to be in," Waters said. "He is taking on a high-pressure job somewhere else but he stayed with us to see this through to the end and he's as fired up as he has been all season."

Let the Super Bowl Craze begin

Two fans are seen outside Lucas Oil Stadium before NFL football's Super Bowl XLVI Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2012, in Indianapolis.



Manning set to prove you can't spell elite without Eli

INDIANAPOLIS (AFP) - Eli Manning was ridiculed last August when he said on a New York radio show that he was an elite quarterback, but the New York Giants star could have the last laugh on Sunday.

Manning has enjoyed the best season of his eight-year NFL career and will lead the Giants against the New England Patriots in Super Bowl 46 on Sunday in quest of his second NFL crown, having led New York over the Patriots in 2008.

"For Eli it would be a great endorsement of the quality of football player he is, what kind of football season he has had and what he means to our team," Giants coach Tom Coughlin said.

"He is an elite quarterback. Period."

Manning sparked the Giants to a regular-season triumph over New England last November, only to have New



York drop four games in a row, then rally to take the last vacant playoff spot and upset Atlanta, Green Bay and San Francisco to reach the Super Bowl.

"When you feel like you have a good team and you have good players and you have an opportunity where you can go win a championship, you don't want to let those things slip away because you just don't know if you're going to get another opportunity," Manning said.

Legacy and elite status is the last thing on Manning's mind these days.

"You don't think about that," he said. "You concentrate on the opponent, trying to get ready for them. You try to keep your mind focused on the job."

"We know we have to play our best football. It's going to be a challenge to do our job at a high level."

But teammates have rallied behind Manning's leadership and peaked for the playoffs.

"I think his attitude, his confidence, his approach has been remarkable," said Giants safety Antrel Rolle.

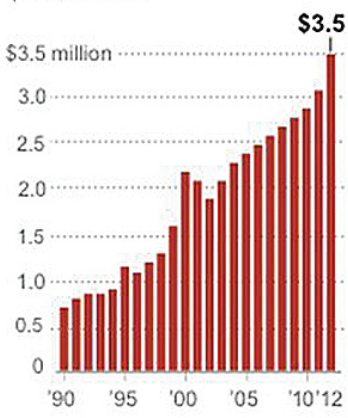
"We love Eli, man. We're going to ride and die with him no matter what the situation is, and he's the reason why we're here, without a doubt."

Manning hopes for a big game, but is also confident that New York's defense can handle the task if he can simply avoid major blunders and turnovers.

"We have offensively been playing smart," Manning said. "If we don't make mistakes and turn the ball over, we can win games playing good defense."

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Super Bowl coach set to join scandal-hit Penn State



INDIANAPOLIS (AFP) - New England Patriots offensive coordinator Bill O'Brien will try to beat the New York Giants in Sunday's Super Bowl, then take over a Penn State team trying to move on from a child sex scandal.

O'Brien has been doing double duty in the NFL since taking the Penn State University coaching post on January 7, just 15 days before the man he replaced, all-time college win leader Joe Paterno, died of lung cancer aged 85.

"It's about the Patriots this week," O'Brien said Tuesday. "I'm thrilled to be the coach

at Penn State but this week is about doing the best I can for the Patriots. We've put together a strong game plan. We'll be ready to go Sunday."

On Monday, O'Brien will focus on Penn State, which was rocked last November when former assistant coach Jerry Sandusky was accused of molesting boys.

Sandusky, on Paterno's staff from 1969 through 1999, is facing a trial after being accused of more than 50 counts of molesting 10 boys over an 11-year period. He has denied the charges.

But the school board of trustees fired Paterno last November, contending he did not do enough when told about Sandusky molesting a boy in the shower.

Paterno said later that he regretted not having done more than pass along the information to university officials. Soon after his firing, he was diagnosed with lung cancer.

Asked about taking over in the wake of the sex scandal, O'Brien simply said, "I'm not going there," but did tackle the question of whether or not the challenge facing him at Penn State was the toughest gridiron job in the nation.

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Milan land young Brazilian forward



(AFP)--AC Milan have signed young Brazilian forward Lucas Roggia according to Internacional president Giovanni Luigi.

The 21-year-old, who was out of favour at the Porto Alegre-based club, has joined for a year with the view to gaining European experience before returning.

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The Italian champions also raided Swiss lower league team Chiasso to bring back Nigerian forward Kingsley Umunegbu, who had only left in the summer, and signed Austrian striker Philipp Prosenik from Chelsea.

Chievo have signed centre-back Dario Dainelli, who has come under fire from fans recently, on loan from Genoa until the end of the season.

Cesena have let Algerian forward Abdelkader Ghezzal leave on loan for Spaniards Levante with Argentine Mario Santana joining on a similar deal from Napoli.

Lazio and Cesena have undertaken a midfield swap with Antonio Candreva moving to the Italian capital and Simone Del Nero heading in

the other direction.

Argentine goalkeeper Juan Pablo Carrizo has moved to Catania on loan from Lazio with an option to making the move permanent at season's end.

Catania brought in two more players on loan, Chilean midfielder Felipe Seymour from Genoa and Torino's Nigerian striker Osarimen Ebagua.

The Sicilians also bought Brazilian left-back Wellington Teixeira, known as Tom, from Uberaba, who play in the Brazilian fourth division.

Meanwhile they have let Argentine defender Pablo Alvarez leave to join Spain's Real Zaragoza.

Fiorentina have let midfielder Gianni Munari leave to join Serie B Sampdoria on a permanent deal.



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